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1. Between 30 September and 2 October 1950 the eastern section of the barracks installation on Leninstrasse, Chemnitz (N 51/K 66) was occupied to capacity by an AAA unit of about 800 men, which had not been in a summer camp. Thirty-seven millimeter guns were seen through the open windows of an armory. Groups of soldiers, most of whom were young, were observed undergoing infantry drill in the barracks yard. On 30 September, three groups of 44, 52 and 66 soldiers respectively, two-thirds of whom were recruits, marched to the city led by a senior lieutenant and accompanied by a military band. Numerous houses on Leninstrasse, opposite the barracks installation, were still occupied by officers' families. A Soviet one-star general, who wore artillery insignia, was billeted at 138 Leninstrasse, near former Lazarettstrasse. Motor vehicles

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2. There was no change in the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne or the Nachrichten Kaserne, Chemnitz-Ebersdorf. The Flak Kaserne there was 90 percent destroyed. Two garages were being reconstructed. They were guarded and enclosed by a barbed-wire fence. The basements and first floors of the barracks buildings had been rebuilt in a makeshift manner. Ammunition was stored in the reconditioned garages and buildings.
3. The troop camp on the eastern edge of the Zeisig Woods near Chemnitz, which is located near the former target range, was guarded by sentries. All approaches in the woods leading to the camp were blocked by barriers. The tops of tents were seen through the underbrush. Local residents said that no more than 1,000 recruits, wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, were in the camp. On 2 October 1950, two groups of 88 and 92 men respectively were observed on the way to the municipal swimming pool. Officers and training personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. **

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4. The western section of the barracks installation on Leninstrasse was occupied by an EVD unit of 600 to 800 men wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Only infantry drill was observed there. The unit was allegedly assigned military police missions in the uranium mining area. Guard details were frequently picked up by trucks. Trucks

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25X1B [redacted] were identified with the EVD unit. ***

- 25X1A * [redacted] Comment. According to the last report of early August 1950 by the same source, the installation had been occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops. See

25X1A [redacted] confirm the occupation of the barracks by components of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds, of the GOFG. House No 138 on Leninstrasse may be the billet of the commanding general of this division.

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- 25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. In early August 1950 the tent camp in the Zeisig Woods had been occupied by about 3,000 troops. [redacted] It may be a training camp of the 8th Gds Necz Div.

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- 25X1A *** [redacted] Comment. The occupation of the barracks installations in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf and of the western section of the barracks on Leninstrasse remained constant since the last report of early August 1950. [redacted] Present report indicates that the component units of the 3th Gds Necz Div from the Artillerie Kaserne, the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne, Chemnitz-Ebersdorf were still at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds on 2 October 1950. A report from Grimma stated that elements of the 8th Gds Necz Div returned to the post on 8 October 1950. [redacted]

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